

**DISTRICT MEETING
MONDAY MAY 4, 2026**

5:30 p.m.

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

6 A.M. – 8 P.M.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE REGULAR POLLING PLACES IN EACH OF THE THREE MEMBER TOWNS.

BETHANY – BETHANY TOWN HALL, 40 PECK ROAD, BETHANY, CT 06524

ORANGE – HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER, 525 ORANGE CENTER ROAD, ORANGE, CT 06477

WOODBIDGE – THE CENTER, 4 MEETINGHOUSE LANE, WOODBRIDGE, CT 06525

2026-2027

Board of Education Approved Budget

- Provides services consistent with the BOWA Community's expectations outlined in Portrait of a Graduate and the District's Missions & Goals while attempting to minimize the monetary impact on Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge.
- Meets contractual obligations, debt service, mandated special education services, and facilities maintenance.
- Meets unfunded or underfunded Federal and State mandates.
- Includes 5-year plans for technology, textbooks, and facilities that update specialty computer labs and library media centers.

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

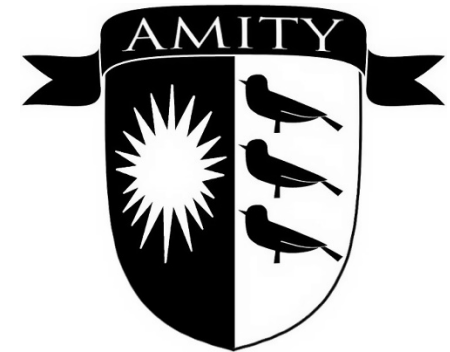
25 Newton Road

Woodbridge, CT 06525

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 5

*Bethany
Orange
Woodbridge*

**2026-2027
Board of Education
Approved Budget**



The Amity Regional School District No. 5 Board of Education 2026-2027 Proposed Budget with detailed information can be found on the Amity website: www.amityregion5.org/boe/budget

**DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026
AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SCHOOL BUDGET**

Explanatory Text

On Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Amity Regional High School, the Amity Board of Education (the "Board") will hold the Annual District Meeting on its proposed 2026-2027 budget. The agenda for the evening will consist of the Board's presentation explaining the increases and decreases in the budget. No vote will be taken at this meeting. A budget referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and all registered voters in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge are encouraged to participate. You may also contact your Town Clerk for an absentee ballot.

The budget development process began in August. The Superintendent worked with District staff over a five-month period. The Amity Finance Committee and the Board then worked on the budget during the months of January, February, and March. Presentations were made to all three town Boards of Finance. In accordance with Amity Regional School District Bylaw #9132.6, revised October 16, 2017, a budget increase of up to 1.53% was recommended by Amity Finance Committee, the Superintendent then recommended a 1.35% increase and the Board approved a 1.20% increase.

The total budget request of \$58,809,212 is an increase of \$700,213 (1.20%) over the current \$58,108,999 budget. The increase is due primarily to higher salary and benefit costs and utility expenses. The Board has developed its budget with consideration of current economic conditions while

maintaining services that align with the Portrait of a Graduate Initiative.

Salaries for 348.01 full-time equivalent positions (FTE) reflect a net increase of 3.53 FTE. Key staffing changes include: 1.0 FTE special education teacher, 2.0 FTE health and physical education teachers for the middle schools, and 0.53 FTE for a school engagement specialist previously grant funded. The special education teacher will support increasing enrollment while the middle school health/physical education teachers will support changes in the middle school schedule. The schedule change increases student choice in world languages and expands elective opportunities for students. Overall, salaries increase by \$1,406,230 inclusive of new positions and contractual increases.

A new program costing \$34,760 is planned to provide students with access to a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, expanding career pathways at the high school. Medical benefits increase by \$551,458 based on high claim experience. Pupil transportation costs are expected to increase \$349,857 based on contracted rates and needs of special education students. Utilities are expected to increase \$159,706 primarily due to public benefit charges. Meanwhile, spending on building improvements decreases, as projects may be funded through a future bond issue. The District's current debt has decreased by \$1,061,046, offsetting 1.83% of the overall budget growth.

This budget reflects the Board's goals of supporting educational programs, expanding student opportunities, and maintaining fiscal responsibility. The Board remains committed to ensuring that educational services continue to meet community expectations and evolving student needs.

Budget Summary:

Expenditures by Category

Category	2026-2027
Salaries	\$34,089,387
Benefits	\$ 7,666,427
Purchased Services	\$11,074,250
Debt Service	\$ 1,491,250
Supplies	\$ 3,649,090
Equipment	\$ 212,901
Building & Site Improvements	\$ 210,500
Contingency	\$ 120,000
<u>Dues & Fees</u>	<u>\$ 295,407</u>
Total Budget	\$58,809,212

Increase of 1.20%

Member Town Allocations

Revenues are derived from the district towns' taxpayers, although State grants and other sources are included. The budget allocations are as follows:

	2025-2026	2026-2027
Bethany	\$ 9,160,226	\$ 9,423,586
Orange	\$27,533,537	\$27,363,157
Woodbridge	\$20,142,040	\$20,475,127
<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,196</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,342</u>
Total	\$58,108,999	\$ 58,809,212

**Average Daily Membership
(Enrollment of each town)**

Percentage of budget (allocations) paid by each town is based on Average Daily Membership on October 1.

	Students	% Allocation
Bethany	353	16.457%
Orange	1,025	47.786%
Woodbridge	767	35.757%
Totals	2,145	100.000%